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## ANNUAL CROP SUMMARY - 2018

### WYOMING HIGHLIGHTS

The 2018 **corn** for grain crop is estimated at 11.48 million bushels, 18 percent above last year's production of 9.77 million bushels, according to the December 1 Agricultural Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The average yield of 164.0 bushels per acre is 9.0 bushels per acre above the yield achieved last year. Area harvested for grain in 2018, at 70,000 acres, is 7,000 acres above last year. Acreage cut for **corn silage** is estimated at 23,000 acres, down 7,000 acres from last year, with production estimated at 552,000 tons compared with 720,000 tons produced last year.

**Oat** seedings in Wyoming totaled 25,000 acres, unchanged from last year. Producers harvested 9,000 acres for grain or seed, up 4,000 acres from 2017. Oat production totaled 513,000 bushels in 2018, up 21 percent from last year. Oat yield is 57.0 bushels per acre in 2018, down 28.0 bushels per acre from the previous year.

Wyoming's **barley** seeded area, at 71,000 acres, is down 11,000 acres from last year. Harvested area, at 50,000 acres, is down 13,000 acres from 2017. Barley yield, at 100.0 bushels per acre, is down 2.0 bushels per acre from last year. Barley production in 2018 is estimated at 5.00 million bushels, down 22 percent from the previous year.

**Winter wheat** production in Wyoming, estimated at 3.91 million bushels, is up 33 percent from 2017. Winter wheat producers seeded 130,000 acres in the fall of 2017 for harvest in 2018, down from 135,000 acres seeded for the previous year's crop. Acreage harvested for grain increased 10,000 acres from last year to 115,000 acres in 2018. Winter wheat yield, at 34.0 bushels per acre, is up 6.0 bushels per acre from last year.

**All hay** production for 2018 is estimated at 2.39 million tons, down 5 percent from the 2017 total. **Alfalfa hay** production is estimated at 1.59 million tons from 590,000 acres harvested, down 31,000 tons from 2017. Average yield for the 2018 crop is 2.70 tons per acre, 0.10 ton per acre below last year. **All other hay** production totaled 800,000 tons from 500,000 acres harvested, down 84,000 tons from 2017. The average yield of 1.60 tons per acre is 0.10 ton per acre below last year. New **seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in Wyoming are estimated at 35,000 acres, down 13 percent from 2017.

As of December 1, producers in Wyoming were storing 1.45 million tons of **all hay**, down 6 percent from the 1.55 million tons stored last year.

The state's **sugarbeet** crop of 946,000 tons for 2018 is up 6 percent from the 891,000 tons produced in 2017. Producers harvested 30,700 acres in 2018, down from 31,600 acres in 2017. Average yield is estimated at 30.8 tons per acre, 2.6 tons per acre above 2017.

**Dry edible bean** production is set at 607,000 hundredweight, 35 percent below the 2017 crop of 933,000 hundredweight. Average yield is estimated at 2,180 pounds per acre, 210 pounds per acre below last year. Harvested area, at 27,800 acres, is 11,200 acres less than last year. **Pinto bean** production in 2018 is 481,000 hundredweight, down 33 percent from last year.

**Winter wheat seedings** last fall for the 2019 crop year are estimated at 120,000 acres, down 8 percent from 2018.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Corn** for grain production in 2018 was estimated at 14.4 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the 2017 estimate. The average yield in the United States was estimated at 176.4 bushels per acre, 0.2 bushel below the 2017 record yield of 176.6 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain was estimated at 81.7 million acres, down 1 percent from the 2017 estimate. **Corn silage** production was estimated

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at 121 million tons for 2018, down 5 percent from 2017. The United States silage yield was estimated at 19.9 tons per acre, down 0.1 ton from 2017. Area harvested for silage was estimated at 6.11 million acres, down 4 percent from a year ago.

**Oat** production in 2018 was estimated at 56.1 million bushels, up 13 percent from 2017. Yield was estimated at 64.9 bushels per acre, up 3.2 bushels from the previous year. Harvested area, at 865,000 acres, was 8 percent above the previous year.

**Barley** production was estimated at 153 million bushels, up 8 percent from the 2017 total of 142 million bushels. Average yield, at 77.4 bushels per acre, was up 4.4 bushels from the previous year. Producers seeded 2.54 million acres in 2018, up 2 percent from 2017. Harvested area, at 1.98 million acres, was up 1 percent from 2017.

**Winter wheat** production for 2018 totaled 1.18 billion bushels, down 7 percent from the 2017 total of 1.27 billion bushels. The United States yield, at 47.9 bushels per acre, was down 2.3 bushels from 2017. Area harvested for grain was estimated at a record low 24.7 million acres, down 2 percent from the previous year.

Production of **all dry hay** for 2018 was estimated at 124 million tons, down 4 percent from the revised 2017 total. Area harvested was estimated at 52.8 million acres, up less than one percent from 2017. The average yield, at 2.34 tons per acre, was down 0.09 ton from the previous year. Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** in 2018 was estimated at 52.6 million tons, down 6 percent from the revised 2017 total. Harvested area, at 16.6 million acres, was 2 percent below the previous year. Average yield was estimated at 3.17 tons per acre, down 0.11 ton from 2017. Production of **all other hay** in 2018 totaled 71.0 million tons, down 2 percent from the revised 2017 total. Harvested area, at 36.2 million acres, was up 1 percent from the previous year. Average yield was estimated at 1.96 tons per acre, down 0.06 ton from 2017. Growers seeded 2.22 million acres of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** during 2018, up less than 1 percent from 2017. The new seedings of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures will normally be harvested for the first time in the year following planting.

**All hay stored** on United States farms as of December 1, 2018 totaled 79.1 million tons, down 6 percent from the previous December. Disappearance from May 1, 2018 - December 1, 2018 totaled 59.9 million tons, compared with 68.2 million tons for the same period a year earlier. This marks the lowest December 1 hay stocks since the drought of 2012 and second lowest since 1977.

**Sugarbeet** production for 2018 was estimated at 33.1 million tons, down 6 percent from the previous year's revised production. Growers in the 11 major sugarbeet-producing States planted 1.11 million acres, down 2 percent from the 2017 revised area. Harvested area, at 1.10 million acres, was down 2 percent from the previous year. Estimated yield, at 30.3 tons per acre, was down 1.4 tons from last year.

United States **dry edible bean** production was estimated at 37.5 million cwt for 2018, up 4 percent from the previous year. Planted area was estimated at 2.08 million acres, down 1 percent from 2017. Harvested area was estimated at 2.02 million acres, down fractionally from the previous year. The average United States yield was 1,860 pounds per acre, an increase of 82 pounds from 2017 and the third highest on record.

**Winter wheat** planted area for harvest in 2019 is estimated at 31.3 million acres, down 4 percent from 2018 and down 4 percent from 2017. This represents the second lowest United States acreage on record.

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